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different regiments arrived on the ground they instantly took up the posts to which they were directed by their respective commanders.¹

Immediately the enemy perceived that; this additional force had taken the field Ney moved down with two columns of infantry and a cloud of cavalry to the attack. The English and Brunswickers had but just taken up their ground when they were exposed to a furious and galling fire from the immense park of artillery attached to this wing of the French army. The receding smoke showed the advancing columns rushing on to break the line of the Allies: the result of this movement fell upon Picton's soldiers, and Sir Thomas Picton's "superb division" was singly engaged with the enemy for nearly two hours. Every man fought with that desperation which no language can describe. Picton was himself among his soldiers, -calling upon them to stand firm and receive the enemy with a steady front. A murderous conflict now commenced; a rolling discharge of musketry from the British line was answered with deadly rapidity and closeness by that of the French: the havoc* was terrible; but Picton was in the midst, watching the progress of the fight; wherever death was thickest there could he be seen encouraging and exhorting the soldiers to firm.

After the French infantry had been repulsed, and the heavy smoke had cleared off, the cavalry thundering on. The English were instantly formed into squares to re-

¹ The strength of both nidon at Quatre linn varlwl vi»ry much from h«»wr to hour from the way in which r<Mⁿfcirtu<lmⁿt* arrlrvd. Tti«« following figures are rendered from the table at p. <J5 of ItonNfy UartiitferS *tymtre Bras*:-

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Allies were not really so large as they are, *tfvm* alntvef. IFErItiti* riirjK of 20,000 men, who were moving harkwnrdM utitl furwitnl¹ lwtlw²ci M>y and Napoleon, are not included atMtve in this Kmnc:h -